

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-6 (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) A label-pasting device comprising:

an adhesive applier for applying hot-melt adhesive to a label-material sheet composed of only label material;

a die cutter for cutting out labels from the label-material sheet with hot-melt adhesive; and

a label paster for pasting the cut-out labels on a packing sheet;

wherein the adhesive applier applies hot-melt adhesive to an area within the outline of, and smaller than, each label portion of the label material sheet to be cut out by the die cutter and wherein the label paster is a vacuum-belt unit disposed on the exit side of the die cutter, the vacuum-belt unit comprising:

a small-diameter roller disposed close to the exit of the die cutter;

a large-diameter roller which is disposed so as to be in contact with the packing sheet and provided with a vacuum mechanism; and

a vacuum belt which is laid around the small-diameter roller and the large-diameter roller and has many ventholes.

8. (Original) A label-pasting device as claimed in claim 7 wherein a pair of pressure rollers is disposed on the downstream side of the large-diameter roller to press each label onto the packing sheet.

Claims 9-11 (Canceled)